

(c) The Indian Commercial Pilots Association (ICPA) has issued a directive to its members not to operate to Jammu and Srinagar w.e.f. 26.1.2001, unless they are provided with safe operating environment and the airfields meet the basic criteria for Jet operations. Consequently, Indian Airlines scheduled flight to Jammu and Srinagar airports are being operated by the Executive Pilots of the Airline.

Permission to Foreign Airlines to launch Passenger Aircrafts in Domestic Flights

†556. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY : Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are going to allow foreign airlines companies to launch their services of passenger aircrafts in the domestic flights of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the steps being taken by Government to make the present air services more effective and convenient?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Airlines are free to operate on any route in their commercial judgement subject of course to compliance with the Route Dispersal Guidelines which provide for certain minimum operations in specified category of routes. Under the existing competitive environment, passengers have wider choice. It is upto the concerned airlines to ensure measures for providing effective schedule and passenger convenience.

Expansion of Air Services

557. SHRI KHAGEN DAS: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether there is any proposal for the expansion of air services in the country;

(b) if so, what is the programme for 2001-2002; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (c) Airline operators are free to operate on any route/to connect any place in their commercial judgement subject of course to compliance with the Route Dispersal Guidelines which provide for certain minimum operations in specified category of routes.

Dumping of Zinc-Oxide and Choline Chloride

558. SHRI K. KALAVENKATA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had initiated anti dumping investigation against import of Zinc-Oxide from China and Choline Chloride from China and European Union;

(b) the estimate of loss suffered by domestic industry due to this dumping; and

(c) by when investigation is likely to be completed and what further action is proposed in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) The Anti-Dumping investigations have been initiated against import of Zinc-Oxide from China on 8.12.2000 and on Choline Chloride against China and EU on 6.12.2000. The Preliminary Findings on import of Choline Chloride from China and EU have also been recommended on 22.2.2001.

(b) It is not possible to quantify the effect of imports of these products on the business of the domestic industry.

(c) The Anti-Dumping investigations are conducted under Sections 9A, 9B & 9C of the Customs Tariff Act, 1975 as amended in 1995. The normal time limit allowed for conclusion of the Anti-Dumping proceedings and submission of Final Findings is one year from the